

2015 Waterfowl Season Proposal

Text highlighted in **Bold** are proposals that are new or differ from last year's format

60 Day Season – 6 ducks, no more than 4 mallards (only 1 may be a hen), 3 wood ducks, 1 black duck, 2 redheads, 3 scaup, 2 pintail and **2 canvasback**. 5 mergansers, not more than 2 hooded. Coot daily bag of 15.

Opening Day shooting hours begin at ½ **hour before sunrise**.

Proposed Duck Season Dates

Youth Hunt: Sept. 19 and 20

North Zone: Sept. 26 – Nov. 24

South Zone: Oct. 3 – Oct. 11 & Oct. 17 – Dec. 6 (5 day split)

Mississippi Zone: **Oct. 3 – Oct. 9 & Oct. 17 – Dec. 8 (7 day split)**

- Close dates: Saturday Oct. 10 through Friday Oct. 16 and reopens on a Saturday

Proposed Goose Season Dates

Exterior Zone: 92 days total. Daily Bag of 2

- **North** – Sept. 16 – Dec. 16
- **South** – Sept. 16 – Oct. 11 & Oct. 17 – Dec. 21
- **Miss.** – Oct. 3 – Oct. 9 & Oct. 17 – Jan. 7

Horicon Zone: 2 periods. Daily Bag of 2. 12 tags per hunter

- H1 – Sept. 16 – Nov. 1
- H2 – Nov. 2 – Dec. 16

Snow/Blue Geese, Ross' Geese, Brant, White-fronted Geese and other geese

Daily Bag Limits:

White Geese (Snow/Blue Geese and Ross' Geese) - 20

Brant - 1

Greater White-Fronted Geese - 1

Exterior Zone: 92 days total.

- **North** – Sept. 16 – Dec. 16
- **South** – Sept. 16 – Oct. 11 & Oct. 17 – Dec. 21
- **Miss.** – Oct. 3 – Oct. 9 & Oct. 17 – Jan. 7

Horicon Zone: Sept. 16 – Dec. 16

Proposed Migratory Bird Seasons

Coot, Moorhen, Rails and Snipe: Same as wild ducks in the zone in which you are hunting.

Daily Bag Limit:

Coot and Moorhen – 15

Sora & Virginia Rails – 25

Snipe - 8

For Reference Previously Approved Early Seasons

Early Teal Season: Sept. 1 – Sept. 7

Early Goose Season: Sept. 1 – Sept. 15

Mourning Dove Season: Sept. 1 – Nov. 29

Woodcock Season: Sept. 19 – Nov. 2

We will be accepting public input at each hearing location, however, if you would like to provide input directly or are unable to attend one of the hearings you can contact Taylor Finger, assistant migratory game bird ecologist via email: Taylor.Finger@wisconsin.gov or via phone at 608-261-6458

Public Hearings (all at 7pm) _

Monday August 3,
State Office Bldg, Rooms B-19 and B-20
3550 Mormon Coulee Rd, La Crosse
(608) 785-9000

Tuesday August 4,
AmeriVu Inn and Suites
1710 South Main Street, Rice Lake
(715) 234-4444

Wednesday August 5,
Agricultural Services Center, Main conference room
3369 West Brewster St, Appleton
(920) 832-1804

Thursday August 6,
Wildwood Lodge
N14 W24121 Tower Place, Pewaukee
(262) 506-2000

Natural Resources Board Meeting

Wednesday August 12th, 8:30am

DNR Horicon Marsh Education and Visitors Center

N7725 Hwy 28

Horicon, WI 53032

Public comments should be directed to the Assistant Migratory Game Bird Ecologist via email, phone, or mail at:

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